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In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In most other locations, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Demand was light to moderate with the best movement coming from scattered feature activity. Supplies were sufficient to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for a quiet demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for mostly normal schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 14.5 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents lower on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 7 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 11 cents lower on large, and unchanged to 5 cents lower on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Demand into all channels was light to fair. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for the fair demand.

MIDWEST Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were sharply lower. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best with a few areas reporting a slight improvement over last week. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the quiet demand. Many breakers were reporting light trading as operators assess current market conditions. Schedules mostly full-time to over-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment about steady to steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand light with the best movement noted on limited features. Supplies available.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta and Florida, prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to occasionally weak. Demand was light to moderate, best where limited features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending April 05, 2002 was 70.58 cents, 10.82 cents less than a week earlier and 15.24 cents less than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient and demand was generally light. Light type hens were at least adequate for mostly normal processing schedules.

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 10 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California down 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 40%. Retailer demand was moderate. Offerings ample.

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to occasionally moderate, better where features were planned or in progress for this week. Supplies were fully adequate at current levels.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	93-95	82-84	70-72
New York	57-61	55-59	48-52
Philadelphia	55-63.5	54-61.5	47-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-62.5	45-58.5	37-44
Jackson (1)	76-78	75-77	50-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-65	53-63	46-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	47-51	45-49	39-43
Detroit (2)	43-48	42-47	39-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	45-49	44-47	37-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	46-53	45-51	39-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	65-75	63-71	56-65
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	78	72
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

CALIFORNIA Prices 10 cents lower on jumbo, 12 cents lower on extra large, 13 cents lower on large, and 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample for the cautious buyer interest. Small benchmark price 52. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free. California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE	
JUMBO	86
EXTRA LARGE	83
LARGE	78
MEDIUM	72
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.	
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-229
MEDIUM	179-199

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE	
JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	175-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending April 12, 2002 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 05, 2002 were 209,397 cases which was 55 percent below the prior week and 15 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	173,391	36,006	209,397
% change from the prior week.....	-59	-24	-55

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the quiet demand. Many breakers were reporting light trading as operators assess current market conditions. Schedules mostly full-time to over-time. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment about steady to steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-29	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	10-15	11-15

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand for spent heavy hens was moderate. Offerings were fully adequate for normal schedules. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was usually steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-APR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	7.75-9	8.81

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for usually fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to occasionally heavy. Interest for finished product was clearing the increased availability of offerings. The undertone was steady.

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	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	8.82
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 08, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	17.5	11.8	14.2	11.0 66.3
	Change	0.0	-2.0	1.1	0.5	-2.9 -5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.1	45.1	15.3	25.4	26.5 134.4
	Change	2.2	1.1	4.6	0.0	3.1 9%
Large	Curr Wk	43.0	121.2	72.4	91.0	80.1 407.7
	Change	11.9	39.1	3.8	19.5	14.3 28%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.4	29.3	20.3	13.6	24.9 96.5
	Change	-0.6	2.3	0.0	-0.8	0.9 2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.3	3.5	3.9	9.5 26.8
	Change	1.6	1.0	-1.0	1.4	3.0 29%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	18.0	7.4	12.9	7.6 51.1
	Change	1.2	1.3	-1.7	-2.2	0.7 -1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.0	42.8	42.7	27.9	27.2 158.6
	Change	4.2	8.4	15.1	8.0	-0.9 28%
Total	Curr Wk	113.1	279.2	173.4	188.9	186.8 941.4
Percent	Change	22%	22%	14%	16%	11% 17%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	941.4	17%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	271.3	11%	38

Total Shell Egg 1212.7 16% 211
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC SUMMARY
NORTHEAST	92.6	228.0	151.5	162.5 168.6 803.2

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 25, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 05, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
25.00								20.00								45.00							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS				
GNR W 1	—	—	32.00	34.00	—	—	3.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	34.75	—	—	—	—	—	37.50	41.40	2.50	—	—				
GNR BR 1	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.50	40.33	6.00	—	—				
GL W XL	—	—	43.00	41.75	32.00	—	2.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.88	4.00	—	—				
GL W LG	—	—	—	34.00	31.46	—	7.50																
GL W MD	—	—	35.00	36.00	28.38	—	5.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	27.25	—	20.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/01/02-04/05/02

CURRENT LOADS				143.25		FUTURE LOADS				87.50		TOTAL LOADS				230.75	
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	GNR W XL	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	5.00		
GNR W 1	37.00	34.00	36.33	36.81	32.52	33.16	39.00	GNR W 1	—	27.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		
GNR W 2	—	32.00	—	—	—	30.00	7.00	GL W J	39.20	37.00	—	—	—	47.29	5.50		
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.50	29.50	2.00	GL W XL	34.00	38.40	—	—	37.50	43.24	16.00		
GNR BR 1	—	—	32.50	34.00	—	47.00	3.00	GL W LG	—	41.89	—	—	35.50	40.39	21.25		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	37.50	—	2.00	GL W MD	30.44	36.20	—	—	—	35.69	13.00		
GL W XL	—	42.01	43.33	42.74	34.00	—	50.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	.25		
GL W LG	—	46.13	32.80	36.14	30.96	—	31.25	NRBS - 48	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	2.75		
GL W MD	—	33.40	35.69	36.00	27.90	34.40	19.75	NRBS - 39	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	.50		
GL W SM	23.00	24.00	24.00	26.00	22.00	—	2.25	NRBS - 36	19.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	25.00	27.00	25.00	27.86	7.25										
NRBS - 48	25.75	29.00	26.00	27.33	27.55	27.91	82.50										
NRBS - 39	—	—	10.00	12.00	—	17.30	5.75										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/24/02 - 03/30/02

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arkansas	0	0	610	610
Colorado	0	0	3,263	3,263
Illinois	0	0	900	900
Indiana	0	0	900	900
Iowa	3,740	8,901	34,479	47,120
Michigan	0	0	2,585	2,585
Minnesota	810	810	3,685	5,305
Missouri	0	0	2,576	2,576
Ohio	0	0	1,698	1,698
Oregon	2,605	4,821	0	7,426
Texas	0	600	780	1,380
Utah	810	1,440	4,834	7,084
Washington	0	576	3,300	3,876
Wisconsin	0	0	2,136	2,136
TOTAL	7,965	17,148	61,746	86,859

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	74-77	63-66	51-54	25-28

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland: 3/24/02-3/30/02
 30-dozen cases 10,356
 Receipts from the mainland: 3/17/02-3/23/02
 30-dozen cases 7,247

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
49-59	42-46	40-45	37-40	25-29

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.79	71.62	59.34	46.27

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-29	20-24	7-10

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	04/01/02	03/25/02	04/02/01
PACIFIC COAST	147	141	187
LOS ANGELES	105	122	150

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